

B. REMARKS

By this amendment, the specification has been amended as requested by the Examiner to include the current status of the cited applications referenced in the specification. The amendments to the specification do not add any new matter to this application. All issues raised in the Office Action mailed July 14, 2005 are addressed hereinafter.

OBJECTION TO SPECIFICATION

The specification was objected to on the basis that the text should be updated with the current status of the cited applications, such as the U.S. Patent Application Serial Number, the filing date, the U.S. Patent number and issue date. The specification has been amended as indicated herein to include the status, patent number and issue date of the cited application. The provisional patent application has also been indicated as being abandoned. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested in view of these amendments.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-41 UNDER OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-41 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-40 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/818,242. It should be noted that the Office Action as mailed referred to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/863,945 for this rejection, which is the present application. After conferring with the Examiner about this issue via telephone, on September 2, 2005, Examiner Lim confirmed that this rejection was intended to be based upon U.S. Patent Application No. 09/818,424. A proper terminal disclaimer complying with 37 CFR 3.73(b) is filed herewith.

Accordingly, reconsideration withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and the issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that such contact would be helpful in furthering the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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